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of Hosur taluk, with regard to the disafforestation of certain areas, and that they are under consideration. Will the matter be taken up in the near future?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"As soon as possible, Sir."

*Courtallam waterfalls.*

11-30 a.m. * 598 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many waterfalls there are in and near Courtallam (Tinnevelly district) that are used now or can be made use of by the public for bathing purposes;

(*b*) how many are reserved by the Government, for whose use and why;

(*c*) how many permits have been issued so far for (1) men, (2) women and (3) children, for the use of the Chitrani falls in Courtallam and what have been the considerations and merits that have weighed for the grant of such special privileges;

(*d*) whether any fees and conditions have been prescribed for the use of the waterfalls that are reserved, what is the sum, if any, so realized and for what purposes they have been earmarked, if any;

(*e*) what sums the Government have spent during the last five years to improve the amenity by way of easy approach to the falls, provision of safety railings and non-slip concrete paths near the waterfalls and their approaches; and

(*f*) whether the Government have under consideration any scheme for assuring the safety and ease of approach in the case of the waterfalls in Courtallam?

*A.*—(*a*) There are five which can be used for bathing; but the right to bathe was admitted at the time of settlement only in one which is nearest the temple, generally known as 'Courtallam waterfalls.'

(*b*) None; but, as stated above, the public have an admitted right of usage only in respect of one.

(*c*) There is no fall by the name 'Chitrani falls'. If the reference is to the Chittaruvi fall, situated behind the Forest Rest House, the answer is that no permits have been issued for bathing in it.

(*d*) The question does not arise, as no falls have been reserved by Government.

(*e*) Rupees 823-15-0 in March 1928.

(*f*) An Advisory Committee has been formed for the management of the falls with the Collector of Tinnevelly as the President. The main object of this Committee is to improve the bathing facilities and amenities of the falls. There is no scheme now under consideration by the Government for the purposes mentioned.

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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know why the public are not allowed to bathe at the other falls and at the Chittaruvi fall ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" Because they are all in the interior of the reserve forests and damage may be done to these reserve forests if free access is given to the public, i.e., the bathers."

## General

*Alleged arrest of young boys at Madanapalle for collecting subscriptions to picketing.*

* 599 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether several young boys were charged before the Joint Magistrate of Madanapalle about August 1931 for obtaining subscriptions for picketing;

(*b*) whether a vakil of the Madanapalle Bar was also charged before the Joint Magistrate of Madanapalle as an abettor along with them for having issued an appeal on their behalf to help them;

(*c*) whether a similar set of volunteers at Piler was charged under section 420, I.P.C., for having collected subscriptions in Piler for picketing;

(*d*) whether a local contractor of Piler was also charged under sections 109 and 420, I.P.C., for having issued an appeal on their behalf;

(*e*) whether any person complained to any of the authorities of having been cheated;

(*f*) if not, who charge-sheeted the young boys and had them remanded to custody and for what ostensible reason;

(*g*) whether the District Magistrate sanctioned the prosecution;

(*h*) whether circulars were issued to treat picketing as political offences by the District authorities or by anybody else;

(*i*) whether the cases were thrown out by the Joint Magistrate of Madanapalle in September 1931; and

(*j*) whether the Government will be pleased to give the reason why they were kept in custody by the police especially when the boys were quite young?

*A.*—The Government have no detailed information and have called for it.

## Legislative Council

*Eligibility of the Deputy President of the Legislative Council to draw daily allowance.*

* 600 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Deputy Presidents of the Legislative Council in former years have been drawing daily allowance for the sittings of the Council; and